

Appl. No. 09/903,366
Amdt. Dated April 21, 2005
Reply to Office action of February 22, 2005
Attorney Docket No. P13692-US2
EUS/J/P/05-1102

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1.) Claim Amendments

The Applicants have amended claims 5 and 9; claims 1-4 have been cancelled; No new matter has been added by the amendments. Claims 1-12 remain pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

2.) Examiner Objections – Specification

The Examiner objected to the specification because of an informality as to the status of a referenced U.S. Patent Applications by Bjelland, *et al.* The Applicant has amended the specification to update the noted applications. The Examiner's consideration of the amendment to the specification is respectfully requested.

3.) Examiner Objections - Claims

The Examiner objected to claims 1-12 because of certain informalities. Whereas claims 1-4 have been cancelled, the objections thereto are moot. With respect to claims 5 and 9, the Applicants have amended those claims as suggested by the Examiner or otherwise to clarify the meaning. The Examiner's consideration of the amended claims is respectfully requested.

4.) Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner stated that claims 5-12 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the Examiner's objections set forth in the Office Action. The Applicants have so amended claims 5 and 9 and, therefore, those claims are now allowable. Whereas claims 6-8 and 10-12 are dependent from claims 5 and 9, respectively, and include the limitations thereof, they are also now allowable.

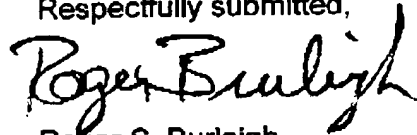
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicants believe all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for claims 5-12.

The Applicants request a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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